BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

2008 ADMISSION INFORMATION

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) is a four-year degree program, consisting of one year of prerequisite courses, including the liberal arts, and three years of the nursing major. Students are admitted as sophomores, after they complete prerequisites. Admission takes place once a year for a fall semester start. The program has a traditional format, with a full-time, day school curriculum. The School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Two Locations, One Great University

The School has two campuses, one in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, the other in Rochester. Nursing courses at the Twin Cities campus are taught on-site and include the use of the Internet and interactive television. At the Rochester campus, courses are taught with a combination of on-site faculty, Internet, interactive television and other technology-enhanced delivery methods.

Policies, application materials and course content are the same at both campuses. However, prerequisite courses differ because of course availability. Refer to the prerequisite course requirements for complete information.

Application Process and Deadline

Applicants must apply to the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in a competitive, two-part process.

1. A School of Nursing Application must be completed and submitted to the School of Nursing, which is available online at www.nursing.umn.edu (after June 15, 2007).
2. If you have never been enrolled in any campus or college at the University of Minnesota, applicants must submit an Undergraduate Application in addition to the School of Nursing application. The Undergraduate Application is available through the Office of Admissions (612-625-2008 or http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply)

OR

2. If you are a current or former University of Minnesota student, applicants must submit a Change of College Form in addition to the School of Nursing application. The Change of College Form is available at http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/forms.html.

The application deadline for Fall 2008 is February 1, 2008. Applications are considered complete only when all materials have been received by both the University of Minnesota and School of Nursing. All materials must meet the February 1, 2008 deadline. You will be notified whether or not you have been accepted in April.

Prerequisite Course Requirements

Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to enrollment in the nursing major and differ depending on which campus you plan to apply to. The prerequisites are listed below (in semester credits). Use the “Prerequisite Course Checklist” to assist you in registering for the correct prerequisites.

- General Chemistry* (3cr)
- Microbiology* (3 cr, lab is preferred)
- Anatomy and Physiology I* For Rochester applicants only (3 cr)
- General Psychology (3 cr)
- Freshman Writing (3 cr)
- Nutrition (3 cr)
- Human, Growth & Development (3 cr)

* Prerequisite course which must be completed within 10 years, prior to admission to the nursing major.
Prerequisite Courses Checklist
Prerequisite requirements are listed below in bold, upper case lettering. Terms listed and prerequisite information may change without notice. Students are advised to confirm this information in the University of Minnesota class schedule at http://www.onestop.umn.edu. To fulfill the prerequisite requirements, complete one course in each category below that meets the minimum credits listed. Note: Courses marked with an asterisk "*" must not be older than 10 years prior to enrollment.

GENERAL CHEMISTRY* (3 cr)
Twin Cities Campus:  •Chem 1011 (4 cr); •Chem 1021 (4cr)
Rochester Campus:  •Chem 1117 (3-4 cr) RCTC course offered Fall, Spring, Summer;
•Chem 1127 (3-4 cr) RCTC course offered Fall, Spring

MICROBIOLOGY* (3 cr, LAB IS Preferred)
Twin Cities Campus:  •VBS 2032 (4 cr) ** offered Fall, Spring; prereq = Biol 1001 & 1002 or Biol 1009, Chem 1011
•FScN 1021 (4 cr) offered Fall
•MicB 3301 (5 cr) ** Preferred course
Rochester Campus:  •Biol 2021 (4 cr) RCTC course offered Fall, Spring, Summer

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3 cr)
Twin Cities Campus:  •Psy 1001 (4 cr); •PSTL 1281 (4 cr)
Rochester Campus:  •Psy 2618 (4 cr) RCTC course offered Fall, Spring

FRESHMAN WRITING (3 cr)
Twin Cities Campus:  WRIT 1301
Rochester Campus:  •Eng 1117 (4 cr) RCTC course offered Fall, Spring, Summer

NUTRITION (3 cr)
Twin Cities Campus:  •FScN 1112 (3 cr)
•Nutr 1211 (3 cr) RCTC course, offered Fall, Spring, sometimes Summer
Rochester Campus:  •Psy 2626 (3 cr) RCTC course offered Fall, Spring, Summer

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I*
For Rochester applicants only (3 cr)
Rochester Campus:  •Biol 1217 (4 cr) RCTC course offered Fall, Spring, Summer

Eligibility Requirements
Below are preliminary requirements applicants must fulfill to apply to the nursing major. Other application requirements will be stated in the application. For updates on the eligibility requirements, please check the School of Nursing website at:  http://www.nursing.umn.edu.

Prerequisite Courses
To be considered, applicants must, at the time of application:
1. Have completed or have in progress a minimum of 5 of the 6 college-level/college credit prerequisite listed in the application with the ability to complete all 6 prerequisites (7 prerequisites for Rochester applicants) before entering the program in September.
2. Have a minimum of 1 natural or physical science course completed at time of application for an A to F grade. Natural or physical science courses are defined as chemistry, microbiology and anatomy and physiology (for Rochester applicants only) and must have been taken within the 10 years before admission.
3. At least 4 of the prerequisite courses completed or in progress for a grade of A to F (2 can be pass/fail).
4. All prerequisite courses completed with a grade of C- or better.

GPA Requirements
To be considered, applicants must, at the time of application:
1. Have a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.8 (based on a 4.0 scale)
2. Have a minimum cumulative prerequisite GPA of 2.8 (based on a 4.0 scale) with at least 4 courses – completed or in progress – taken for a grade of A to F.
3. Applicants with fewer than 40 college semester credits will also be evaluated on the following:
   - Preferred minimum high school GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale).
   - Preferred minimum ACT score of 20 or SAT score of 1000.
English Requirement
You are required to demonstrate English language proficiency if: (1) your native language is not English; and (2) you have lived in the US less than 8 years at the time of enrollment in the School of Nursing (by the first day of fall semester). Minimum scores in the following exams are required to demonstrate English language proficiency:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 240 on the computerized version, 95 on the web version (iBT), or 586 on the paper version OR A Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) score of 85.

Test scores must be submitted at the time of application. To register for the TOEFL exam, please go to www.ets.org/toefl. This internet-based exam is now given 1-2 times per month. The University of Minnesota Counseling and Consulting Services offers the MELAB exam. Please visit their website at www.uccs.umn.edu for MELAB registration and deadline dates.

Diversity
The School of Nursing seeks to admit and educate a diverse student body, both in order to enrich the students' educational experience and to prepare them to meet the health needs of a diverse society.

More Information
This information is subject to change without notice. Prospective students are encouraged to consult the School of Nursing Website for complete admission requirements, program information, application forms and application instructions.

For more information, contact the Office of Student and Career Advancement Services at 612-625-7980 or sonstudentinfo@umn.edu or go to http://www.nursing.umn.edu.